

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 8 to correct a minor defect. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Claims 1 and 3-16 are pending. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested in view of the following remarks.

Double patenting rejection

The Examiner rejects pending claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 3 and 5 of copending U.S. Application 10/617,517. See the Office Action, page 2, lines 23-27.

In the sole interest of moving this application toward allowance, Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

Objections

The Examiner objects to claim 8, pointing out that “(m.multidot.K)” recited therein is incorrect and should be changed to “(m K).” See the Office Action, page 3, lines 1-3. Applicants have amended this claim accordingly.

The Examiner also objects to claims 3, 6, and 8-11 on the ground that they depend from a rejected based claim, i.e., claim 1. See the Office Action, page 3, lines 5-7. As discussed above, the rejection of claim 1 has been obviated. The objection should therefore be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 12-16 are allowed. Applicants submit that claims 1 and 3-11 are also in condition for allowance, in view of the above remarks, and respectfully request allowance of this application.

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